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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS A

- SPECIALIZED AGENCY - CONTROVERSY ABOUT CONTENTS

1. FRG MISSION VIENNA ON MAY 8 DELIVERED LETTER FROM MOLTRECHT TO CONFERENCE PRESIDENT MEHTA ASKING MEHTA TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO HELP RESOLVE CONTROVERSY OVER G-77'S INSERTION IN CONFERENCE REPORT OF GROUP B'S "INFORMAL PROPOSALS" AND REQUESTING THAT, IF MATTER CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN SATISFACTORY WAY, LETTER BE APPENDED TO REPORT AND FOOTNOTE BE ADDED TO APPENDICES A AND B DESCRIBING STATUS OF PROPOSALS.

2. FRG MISSION REPORTS THAT MEHTA EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL. MEHTA HAS GIVEN SIMILAR INDICATION TO US. WHAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH GIVEN APPARENTLY ADAMANT STAND OF G-77 IN NEW YORK REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. TEXT OF MOLTRECHT'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

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"I REFER TO THE STATEMENT I MADE ON BEHALF OF GROUP B AT THE 4TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY ON 11 MARCH 1978 AND TO YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP B ON 5 APRIL 1978. I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU ONCE MORE MY CONCERN ABOUT THE UNUSUAL

WAY IN WHICH THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 PROCEEDED DURING THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONFERENCE AND AFTERWARDS. THE PRACTICE OF INTRODUCING INTO THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE A "NON-PAPER" SUBMITTED BY ANOTHER GROUP OF COUNTRIES AT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IS NOT IN LINE WITH THE AGREED CONFIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THESE CONSULTATIONS AND DOES NOT REFLECT THE USUAL SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. MOREOVER THIS WILL RENDER FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO UNDERScore ONCE AGAIN THE OBJECTIONS REGARDING THE INCORPORATION OF THE INFORMAL PAPER OF GROUP B COUNTRIES INTO THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE, EXPRESSED TO THE UN SECRETARIAT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IN MY FINAL INTERVENTION AT THE CONFERENCE, I HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS PAPER WAS MEANT TO HELP REACHING A COMPREHENSIVE COMPROMISE. SINCE, TO OUR REGRET, THIS OBJECTIVE COULD NOT BE REACHED, THE INFORMAL PROPOSALS OUGHT NOT TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN FORMAL CONFERENCE STATUS FOR REASONS WHICH I HAVE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL.

IN THE INTEREST OF A FUTURE SUCCESS - DESIRED BY ALL SIDES - OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY, I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE THAT MY ABOVE OBJECTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY. AS YOU KNOW, THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 DID NOT MAKE A REPLY TO WHAT I SAID IN MY FINAL INTERVENTION ON 11 MARCH 1978.

I VERY MUCH HOPE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOUR INFLUENCE WILL MAKE THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 AWARE THAT HIS FORMAL REQUEST WILL MAKE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ONLY MORE DIFFICULT. IF MY REQUEST CANNOT BE MET IN A SATISFACTORY WAY, THERE WOULD BE NO CHOICE BUT TO INSIST THAT THE POSITION OF GROUP B AS REITERATED IN THIS LETTER BE LIKEWISE PRINTED VERBATIM IN THE FINAL REPORT AND THAT FOOTNOTES BE ADDED TO THE INTENDED APPENDICES A AND B OF THE STATEMENT OF THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77. SUCH FOOTNOTES SHOULD EXPRESS THE FACT THAT THE TEXT OF THE APPENDICES SUBMITTED BY THE SPOKESMAN OF GROUP 77 CONTAINED MERELY SUGGESTIONS AND DO NOT REPRESENT A PROPOSAL OF ANY GROUP OR DELEGATION."

4. WOULD APPRECIATE USUN'S REPEATING TO US REPORTING ON ANY DISCUSSION ON OVERVIEW COMMITTEE OF UNIDO CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION. LEARY

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